

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A locker system comprising:

a plurality of lockers provided with predetermined operating means; ~~and~~
a control center for controlling the plurality of lockers; ~~and, both of which are connected via a communication line network,~~

a communication line network for connecting said plurality of lockers to said control center, wherein:

~~wherein~~ a utilization applicant of a locker accesses, when a locker among said plurality of lockers that the utilization applicant desires to utilize is in a busy condition, ~~among said plurality of lockers~~, said control center from said predetermined operating means or from an available terminal apparatus for ~~said the~~ utilization applicant via said communication line network, and transmits a utilization reservations signal of a locker and a contact address of ~~said the~~ utilization applicant as reservations information;

said control center ~~performs~~ is operable to perform, when the locker among said plurality of lockers that ~~said the~~ utilization applicant desires to utilize becomes available, ~~among said plurality of lockers~~, a utilization reservations operation of the locker, while transmitting a locking instruction of the available locker, and to then ~~notifies~~ notify that the locker is available to the contact address of ~~said the~~ utilization applicant; and

~~said the~~ utilization applicant confirms that the locker is available based on the notification from said control center, then proceeds to an installation location of the corresponding locker, ~~followed by unlocking and then unlocks~~ the locked locker by using said predetermined operating means in order to leave a parcel on check at the locker.

2. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 1, wherein said control center ~~transmits~~ is operable to transmit, when the checked parcel exists in a prescribed locker that is left unattended for more than a predetermined amount of time, a message to the contract address of the user of the prescribed locker persuading the ~~contact address of the user of the locker~~ to take out the parcel.

3. (Currently Amended) A locker system comprising:

a plurality of lockers provided with predetermined operating means; ~~and~~

a terminal apparatus which is available for a utilization applicant of a locker; and,
~~both of which are connected via a communication line network,~~

a communication line network for connecting said plurality of networks to said terminal apparatus;

wherein the utilization applicant of the locker transmits, when the locker among said plurality of lockers that the utilization applicant desires to utilize is in a busy condition, ~~among said plurality of lockers,~~ a utilization reservations signal of the locker and a contact address of the utilization applicant to any one of said plurality of lockers from said predetermined operating means or said terminal apparatus via said communication line network;

each of said plurality of lockers has observing means for observing utilization circumstances of the lockers, and communicating means for ~~communication~~ communicating with said terminal apparatus;

~~in which~~ when said communicating means receives ~~said the~~ utilization reservations signal and ~~said the~~ contact address via said communication line network, ~~and then,~~ said observing means then finds that the locker that the utilization applicant desires to utilize becomes available, ~~followed by reserving and subsequently reserves the desired~~ locker while locking the locker, and said communicating means transmits a communication ~~to the effect indicating~~ that the desired locker is available to ~~said the~~ contact address of the utilization applicant; and,

~~said the~~ utilization applicant confirms that the desired locker is available depending on the communication from said communicating means, then proceeds to an installation location of the corresponding locker, ~~followed by unlocking and then unlocks~~ the locked locker by using said predetermined operating means in order to leave a parcel on check at the locker.

4. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 3, wherein when a checked parcel existing in at least one of said plurality of lockers is left unattended for more than a predetermined amount of time, each said at least one of said plurality of lockers ~~transmits~~ is operable to transmit; from said communicating means when the checked parcel exists in prescribed locker left unattended more than predetermined time,

a message to the contract address of the user of said at least one of the plurality of lockers
persuading the ~~contact address of the user of the locker to take out the parcel, from said~~
~~communicating means.~~

5. (Currently Amended) A locker system comprising:
a plurality of lockers provided with predetermined operating means;
a control center for consolidating said plurality of lockers;
a delivery trader for delivering parcels to predetermined places depending on
prescribed means of transportation;~~and~~

a user terminal possessed by ~~the~~ a user; and,
~~in which a communication line for connecting said plurality of lockers, said~~
control center, and said user terminal ~~are connected via a communication line, and~~
wherein:

a parcel stored in an arbitrary locker among said plurality lockers is made to
~~deliver~~ be delivered for an address-for-delivery specified by the user;

~~wherein said the~~ user obtains information of the address-for-delivery of the parcel
from said control center beforehand, and then specifies an address-for-delivery of the
parcel based on the obtained information by using said predetermined operating means or
said user terminal in order to transmit a communication about the specified address-for-
delivery of the parcel to said control center;

said control center ~~instructs~~ is operable to instruct said delivery trader ~~on delivery~~
~~of said delivering the parcel for said of the~~ address-for-delivery from said locker based on
the information about an additional location of ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery of the parcel
specified by said operating means or said user terminal; and

said delivery trader ~~executes~~ is operable to execute collection of cargo of said
parcel from the locker; in which the parcel is stored once, by using ~~the said prescribed~~
means of transportation means based on the instruction for causing the parcel to be
delivered for ~~said the~~ additional address-for-delivery of the parcel.

6. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 5, wherein the
information of ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery is ~~of address information of said the~~ address-

for-delivery or map information of ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery.

7. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 5, wherein the information of ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery includes, when said address-for-delivery is of an additional locker specified by ~~said the~~ user, vacancy information of ~~said the~~ additional locker.

8. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 5, wherein said control center ~~executes~~ is operable to execute, when ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery is an additional locker specified by ~~said the~~ user, a utilization reservations operation of ~~said the~~ additional locker.

9. (Currently Amended) A locker system comprising:
a plurality of lockers provided with predetermined operating means;
a control center for consolidating said plurality of lockers; ~~and~~
a user terminal possessed by ~~the a~~ user; ~~and~~
all of which are connected via a communication line for connecting said plurality of lockers, said control center and said user terminal, wherein; ~~in which~~
the user ~~can~~ is able to select previously any one of said plurality of lockers as an address-for-delivery of the parcel which the user himself desires to deliver, and the user can specify to reserve the selected locker;
~~wherein said the~~ user requires to obtain information from said control center concerning the locker as the address-for-delivery of the parcel by using said predetermined operating means or said user terminal; ~~from said control center~~; and
said control center ~~transmits~~ is operable to transmit, in accordance with the requirement of the user, positional information and utilization circumstances of the locker as the address-for-delivery to said locker or said user terminal so that ~~said the~~ user selects to specify the required address-for-delivery of the parcel based on ~~said the~~ positional information and utilization circumstances of the locker, ~~thus and so that~~ the user is capable of performing a reservations specification of the required home delivery locker of an address-for-delivery of the parcel.

10. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 9, wherein:
said control center is connected, via said communication line, to a cooperation company apparatus of a cooperation company which is involved in a business cooperation with said control center; ~~via said communication line, in which said~~
and the user selects any one of said plurality of lockers as an address-for-delivery of merchandise ~~merchandise~~ purchased via said cooperation company apparatus by using said user terminal and the user ~~can~~ is able to specify to reserve the selected locker.

11. (Currently Amended) The locker system according to claim 9, wherein said control center ~~transmits~~ is operable to transmit a position of a locker of said address-for-delivery as map information or dwelling place information and ~~transmits~~ transmit utilization circumstances of said locker.

12. (Currently Amended) A locker system comprising:
a plurality of lockers provided with predetermined operating means;
a control center for consolidating said plurality of lockers;~~and~~
a user terminal possessed by the user; ~~and, all of which are connected via communication line,~~
a communication line for connecting said plurality of lockers, said control center and said user terminal, wherein:

~~wherein said the~~ user accesses said control center from said predetermined operating means or said user terminal, and concludes a utilization contract of a locker as an address-for-delivery of parcels, with a parcel recipient at being absent, based on utilization reservations information;

said control center ~~notifies~~ is operable to notify a the delivery company which is involved in a business cooperation with the said control center of positional information of the locker as the address-for-delivery of the parcel with the parcel recipient at being absent;

~~said the~~ delivery company completes, when the parcel recipient of the address-for-delivery is absent at the time of delivery of the parcel, the delivery of ~~said the~~ parcel

based on the notified positional information of the locker as ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery of the parcel, and

~~said the~~ locker as the address-for-delivery of the parcel notifies, when ~~said the~~ parcel is stored, said user terminal that ~~said the~~ parcel is stored based on ~~said the~~ utilization contract information from said control center.

13. (Currently Amended) A locker system comprising:

a plurality of lockers provided with predetermined operating means;
a control center for consolidating said plurality of lockers;~~and~~
a user terminal possessed by ~~the a~~ user; ~~and, all of which are connected via~~
~~communication line,~~

a communication line for connecting said plurality of lockers, said control center and said user terminal, wherein:

~~wherein said the~~ user accesses said control center from said predetermined operating means or said user terminal, and concludes a utilization contract of a locker as an address-for-delivery of parcels, with the parcel recipient at being absent, based on utilization reservations information,

said control center ~~notifies~~ is operable to notify a ~~the~~ delivery company which is involved in a business cooperation with ~~the said~~ control center of positional information of the locker as the address-for-delivery of the parcel with the parcel recipient at being absent;

~~said the~~ delivery company completes, when the parcel recipient of the address-for-delivery is absent at the time of delivery of the parcel, the delivery of ~~said the~~ parcel based on the notified positional information of the locker as ~~said the~~ address-for-delivery of the parcel, and

said control center ~~notifies~~ is operable to notify, when confirming that ~~said the~~ parcel is stored in ~~said the~~ locker as the address-for-delivery of the parcel, said user terminal that ~~said the~~ parcel is stored based on ~~said the~~ utilization contract information.